

The claims remaining in the application are 11-20.

REMARKS

The Applicants would respectfully urge that the subject claims are allowable over the art. While U.S. Pat. No. 5,552,060 to Roof was the basis of a rejection in the parent application, it is respectfully submitted that this patent has no teaching, suggestion, hint or supposition with respect to compositions containing molten sulfur as required by the remaining claims herein. Roof only discusses scavenging H₂S from aqueous and hydrocarbon substrates (please see the Abstract). There is no teaching or suggestion in Roof or the appropriately cited prior art that molten sulfur is equivalent to aqueous and hydrocarbon substrates. It is further respectfully submitted that there is no teaching or suggestion in the art that H₂S scavengers that function to remove H₂S from aqueous and hydrocarbon substrates necessarily operate to remove H₂S from molten sulfur, or that the H₂S scavengers suitable to remove H₂S from aqueous and hydrocarbon substrates are equivalent to H₂S scavengers suitable to remove H₂S from molten sulfur.

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments and arguments presented above place the claims in condition for allowance. Consideration and allowance of the claims, as amended, are respectfully requested. The Examiner is respectfully reminded of his duty to indicate allowable subject matter. The Examiner is invited to call the Applicants' attorney at the number below for any reason, especially any reason that may help advance the prosecution.

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